(c) and (d) As per past precedents, Wage Negotiations are held with the nominated representatives of Joint Action Committee of Trade Unions and All India ITDC Workers Federation (INTUC). While the INTUC Federation represents Trade Unions belonging to INTUC, the Joint Action Committee of Trade Unions consists of Union affiliated to AITUC, HMS, BMC, CITU and a few independent Unions.

The JAC and the INTUC Federation have yet to submit the complete charters of demand although one of the constituents of the JAC namely, the AITUC Union has since submitted the charter of demand.

The time schedule for Wage Revision will be drawn up on receipt of the charaters of demand from all representative factions of Trade Unions and after the present financial uncertainties being faced by ITDC have stabilized. The present nebulous situation is on account of the unprecedented drop in tourist traffic in the country because of the Gulf War and other external features.

Meeting of Consumer Protection Council, Delhi

1257. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Delhi Consumer Protection Council was held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the points raised by the members in the said meeting; and

(d) the reaction of the Delhi Administration officials with regard to points raised?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SNGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Seventh Meeting of the Delhi Consumer Protection Council was held on 21-2-91.

(b) The Council focused its attention on the following issues, in the meeting

(i) Review of progress on implementation of the decisions taken in the previous meetings.

(ii) To consider ways and means to strengthen the Consumer Protection Council and to secure implementation of the recommendations made by the Council.

(iii) Role, function and utility of Consumer Voluntary Organisations in settlement of Consumer disputes and dissemination of consumer education.

(iv) marketing and prescription of medicines by brand names against the generic names.

(v) to consider the impact of some of the decisions of the Consumer Disputes Redressal Agencies on the objective of promoting and protecting rights of Consumers.

(c) Some of the important points raised by the members are as follows:

(i)). Delhi should have more than one District Forum so that the complaints are disposed of within the prescribed time.

(ii) A panel of members/President should be prepared in order to fill up the leave vacancy that may arise in the Consumer Disputes Redressal Agencies.

(iii) Prices of commodities should be displayed by all the dealers at their business premises.

(iv) Testing Laboratories should function round the clock and on all the days of the week.

(v) A system of comparative testing of products by different manufacturers should be introduced.

(vi) Eancroachments on public lands should be checked effectively by local bodies.

(vii) There should be reasonable restriction on the fees being charged by the lawyers.

(viii) Liberal financial assistance should be given to the voluntary consumer organisations.

(d) The points are under examination.